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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached herewith is an English translation of the above-identified patent application.

Prior to action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- __ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
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